



# CONSERVATION ALMANAC

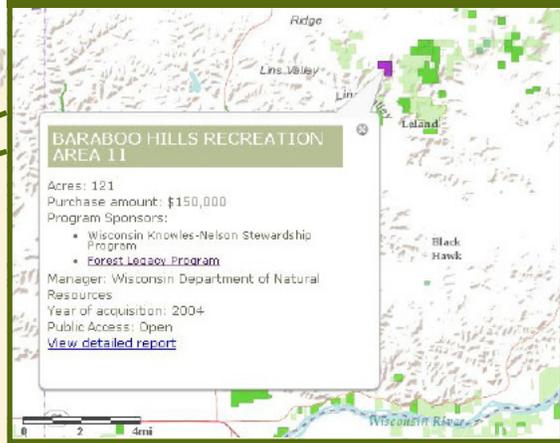
Tracking Investments in Protected Lands



State Dollars Spent and Acres Conserved (1998-2011)

State	Dollars	Acres
Wisconsin	\$345,139,830	217,547
Illinois	\$282,319,576	75,630
Michigan	\$121,295,842	53,744
Indiana	\$31,894,774	32,002

Example Almanac Parcel Map



## STATE HIGHLIGHTS IN CONSERVATION: *Wisconsin*

### Conservation in Wisconsin

Through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, Wisconsin preserves valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protects water quality, and conserves open space for outdoor recreation. A total of 484,047 acres were conserved in the state from 1998-2011. From 1998-2011, over \$596 million was invested in land

conservation and natural resource protection.

### State Investment in Land Conservation

Wisconsin funds land conservation using general obligation bonds.

- Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program – created by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1989, re-authorized through 2020. Annual funding increased to \$86 million in July 2010 (from \$60 million). Funds state, nonprofit, and local government conservation activity.
- Working Lands Initiative signed into law in 2009. Comprised of three programs:
  - Farmland Preservation Program
  - Agricultural Enterprise Area Program
  - Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program (currently unfunded)

Spending for acquisition by level of government, 1998-2011\*



## Local Investment

Local governments in Wisconsin have authority to issue general obligation bonds, and to levy sales or property taxes to fund land conservation.

Voters in Dane County, WI approved a \$30 million bond in 1999 for habitat protection, and parks and trails improvements. Since then, nearly 6,000 acres have been acquired.

## Federal Investment

The following federal programs and federal agencies have contributed funds and conserved land in Wisconsin:

- NOAA - Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
  - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)
  - Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (MBCF)
  - North American Wetlands Conservation Act
  - Section 6 Grant
- U.S. Forest Service
  - Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
  - LWCF Federal
- U.S. National Park Service
  - LWCF Federal and LWCF Stateside

Note: Parcel-level spatial data is not available for all records included in the Conservation Almanac. In Wisconsin we have mapped 72 percent of acres and 78 percent of dollars, shown as points on this map.

\*Statistics are generated using data collected for and included in the Conservation Almanac. Almanac data collection efforts focus on land conserved using public dollars. 'Other' includes contributions funded by private, NGO and unknown funders, and may not be comprehensive. Data current as of August 2015.

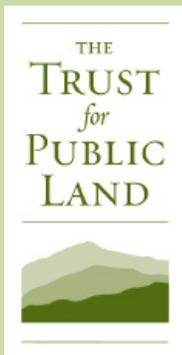
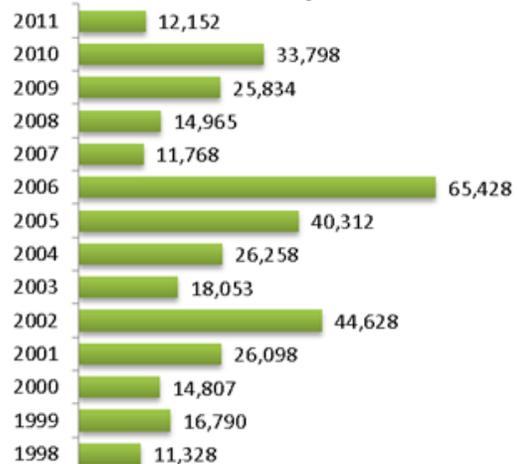
## Conservation Snapshot

The tables below provide a snapshot look at land conservation activity through the most common available metrics: public dollars spent and acres conserved. These charts omit parcels not classified as fee simple purchases or conservation easements.

Public Dollars Spent Annually for Conservation, 1998-2011\*



Total Acres Conserved Annually, 1998-2011\*



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## THE CONSERVATION ALMANAC

A comprehensive database of land conservation and conservation funding in America, the Conservation Almanac provides a context for assessing impacts of conservation and the growing conservation finance movement. The Almanac offers information on public dollars spent and acres conserved, details on local, state, and federal conservation programs, and provides geospatial mapping of conserved land.